

### Amendments to the Abstract

On page 35, please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten abstract:

#### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A human Small ~~CNN-like~~ CCN-like Growth Factor polypeptide (SCGF) and DNA (RNA) encoding such polypeptide and a procedure for producing such polypeptide by recombinant techniques is disclosed. Also disclosed are methods for utilizing such polypeptide, ~~for wound healing or tissue regeneration, stimulating implant fixation and angiogenesis.~~ A ~~antagonists~~ against such polypeptides, ~~and their use as a therapeutic to treat atherosclerosis, tumors and scarring are also disclosed.~~ D ~~diagnostic assays for identifying mutations in SCGF nucleic acid sequences and altered levels of using the~~ SCGF polypeptide ~~are also disclosed.~~